Manufacturer-Exporters System:

5. The allocation under this system will continuine to be made by the Textile Commissioner who will be issuing detailed guidelines on this separately. Manufacturing capacity will be taken into account for allocation under this system.

Slow Moving Items:

6. The definition of slow moving item has been liberalised to bring in more items under the category of slow moving items;

Simplification of Bank Guarantee System:

7. The system of Bank Guarantees has been simplified.

Garment quota allotment

1596. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity available/allotted and cut-off prices for quota allotment under FCFS (contract reservation) and FCFS ready goods (small orders) in respect of each country/category for each quota period in each of the quota years from 1980 to 1982;

(b) the total quantity available/allotted and cut off prices for quota allotment under FCFS small orders in respect of each country/category for each quota period during 1983, last year and the current year; and

(c) the dates in respect of each country/category when the quota allocation for each quota period became exhausted alongwith the annual and actual quota utilisation at the end of each of the above mentioned years and so far during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Information is given in the statements I and II.

[See Appendix CXXXVI. Annexure Nos. 21 & 22]

(b) and (c) The information is being collected.

Import of raw and silk yarn

1597. DR. MOHD. HASHMI KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the actual quantity of raw silk and silk yarn imported from july, 1982 to 1985; and

(b) what was the increase or decrease in the import of these items of silk during the above years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) A Statement showing the quantity and value of imports of silk and silk yarn spun from noil or other silk waste, silk worm gut and imitation catgut of silk during July, 1981 to March. 1982 and July, 1982 to March, 1983 and increase or decrease period-wise, is attached. [*See* Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No. 23]. Figures beyond March, 1983 are not available.

conference of Economists heldat Calcutta Regarding Economic Policy

1598. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the conclusion at the end of three-day conference of a number of econimists held in Calcutta recently about economic policy at the initiation of West Bengal State Planning Board, and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Govt. is guided by the policy frame work laid down in the Five Year Plans. The National Development Council at its recent meeting has approved the strategy of economic development in the Seventh Five Year Plan 1985-90 which accords *inter-alia* high priority to development of agriculture and calls for massive resource mobilisation.